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STATOTHR

10 April 19

MEMORANDUM FOR: Colonel Grogan

SUBJECT : Contacts with Press

1. On Thursday, 3 April, I lunched at the home of Present also were Bob Estabrook, Bob Matteson of the White House Staff, Brigadier General C. V. Clifton, Public Information Officer of the Army. The lunch was intended to be in the honor of the editor of the Toronto Globe and Mail but he was ill with the flu.

2. Conversation ranged over a large number of topics but dwelt most heavily on the President's reorganization plan for the Department of Defense. The only item that struck close to home was the discussion of the Soviet intentions with respect to disarmament which I discussed on a clearly unclassified basis.

3. As I reported to you orally, I lunched with [REDACTED] STATOTHR on Monday, 14 April to debrief him on his impressions gathered during his European trip of last month. We discussed the obvious topics: reunification of Germany, France and Algeria, and the English political situation -- all along lines which he has before or since put out in his column. The third, fourth and fifth paragraphs of today's column reflect in part my views but I am pretty sure he held them before I expressed them.

STATOTHR₄. [REDACTED] came to see me yesterday primarily to ask me to write an article along the lines of my speech to the Council. I declined explaining our basic policy of not writing on topics directly connected with our working responsibilities. We also had a general discussion on the Middle Eastern situation.

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